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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael I. Watkins et al.

Application No.: 09/548,883

Filed: April 13, 2000

For: MULTI-ANALYTE THYROID
DIAGNOSTIC TEST

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: 1743

PETITION AND FEE
AUTHORIZATION FOR
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP
(37 CFR 1.48(a)(3) and 37 CFR 1.17(i))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Petition and fee authorization are hereby made for the correction of inventorship in the above patent application by the addition of PATRICIA A. MIRANDA. This patent application is not involved in an interference. As evidenced by the attachments hereto, the error in omitting PATRICIA A. MIRANDA as an inventor was made without deceptive intention, and the assignee has agreed to the correction of inventorship to add PATRICIA A. MIRANDA.

Accompanying this Petition and Fee Authorization are the following:

1. A Declaration by the actual inventors, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.63
2. A STATEMENT OF INVENTOR TO BE ADDED, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(a)(1).
3. A CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO ADDITION OF INVENTOR AND CERTIFICATION OF TITLE, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(a)(4) and 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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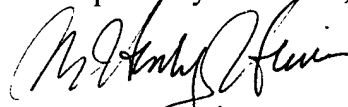
PATENT

An assignment by inventor Patricia A. Miranda is being submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation contemporaneously with this petition. A copy (not for recordation) is enclosed with this petition.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fee of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 20-1430 of the undersigned, as the fee for this petition. Authorization is further given to charge to the aforementioned account any additional fees that may be needed but were overlooked by the undersigned, or to credit to the aforementioned account any overpayment.

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